GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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INTEGRATED TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) in the State of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh have no permanent staff of their own for implementation of the tribal development schemes but being run by the deputationists;

(b) if so, whether any misutilization of funds under the scheme have been noticed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government against the persons involved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) : In Orissa, Project Administrators, some special officers and Engineering staff are on deputation to Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs). The ministerial staff remain permanently. In Andhra Pradesh only certain sectoral posts relating to Agricultural , Horticulture Officers etc. are filled up by deputation while other posts are filled up on a regular basis.

(b): No mis-utilisation of funds in ITDAs in Orissa has been substantiated. Two instances of mis-utilization of funds in the ITDAs of Srisailam and Eturnagaram in Andhra Pradesh have come to the notice of State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

(c): In case of Srisailam ITDA, charges have been framed against the concerned officials and submitted to the State Government. The case is under examination. In case of Eturnagaram ITDA, after detailed enquiry, it was revealed that a total amount of Rs.1,06,71,200/- was misappropriated in grounding of (891) ESS units and among others (3) officers working in ITDA, Eturnagaram on deputation were found to be responsible for this misappropriation. They were immediately repatriated to their parent department and criminal and disciplinary cases were initiated against them. The cases are under process.